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State Health Department Certifies Towner County Medical Center as a Level IV Trauma Center

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health today announced recertification of Towner County Medical Center, Cando, N.D., as a Level IV trauma center, according to Amy Eberle, state trauma coordinator for the Department of Health.

The Department of Health is authorized to designate hospitals in North Dakota as Level IV and Level V trauma centers. Level I, II and III trauma centers are designated by the American College of Surgeons. To receive a Level IV or V designation, a hospital is visited by a trauma site review team, which reports to the State Trauma Committee. The Committee reviews the site visit report, determines the hospital's designation, and reports to the Department of Health.

Level I through V trauma centers must be able to accept and provide services to major trauma patients. Among the requirements necessary to earn a Level IV designation, the trauma center must have on call an emergency room physician who has completed advanced-trauma life-support training. North Dakota currently has 22 Level IV trauma centers, which must seek renewal of the designation every one to three years.

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